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NEW MUSIC CHAIR NAMED

Charleston, IL.--Herman D. Taylor of Dillard University in New Orleans has been named the chairman of the Music Department at Eastern Illinois University.

Taylor, who will oversee 31 faculty in five sub-departments and 158 student music majors, replaces James Krehbiel of Charleston, who recently retired after 25 years at Eastern.

"I am looking forward to maintaining and building upon the level of excellence that has already been achieved in Eastern's Music Department," said Taylor.

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Taylor most recently chaired the Division of the Humanities and was Coordinator of Music at Dillard. He completed his undergraduate work at the Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University and earned his master's and doctorate degrees in music from the University of Michigan.

He has performed organ recitals throughout the United States, Canada, and western Europe. Most recently he has performed at the University of Louisville, University of Montevallo, Talladega College and appeared with the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra.

In 1985-86, Taylor was honored with the United Negro College Fund's Distinguished Scholars Award.

He has been very active in church music and has served as organist and organist-choirmaster in 10 different denominations in various parts of the country.

He and his wife, Vivian, have three children: Alicia, Daniel, and Kristin.